

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA F	FORM NO. 361
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1 Lexington

ress 29 Cottage Street

toric Name William Stevens House

: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

e c. 1850

Source 1830, 1853 maps

Style ?

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved from corner of Massachusetts Avenue
and Wallis Court Date 1889-1895

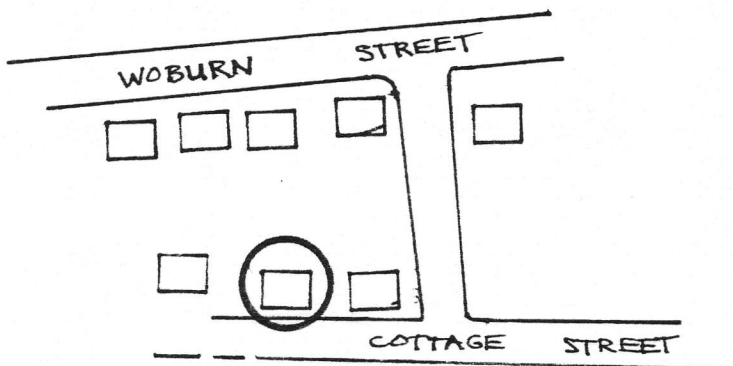
Approx. acreage 7300 ft.²

Setting At dead end of quiet back

street; near other nineteenth century
houses.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1984

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This house, set in a neighborhood of modest nineteenth century houses, has lost all its exterior finishes. It was moved to this location from elsewhere in town and, although its five-bay-long, two-room-wide profile with a center entrance in the side is similar to that of a Second Period house, documentary sources suggest this house was actually built c. 1850.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

This house was originally on the south corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Wallis Court. It belonged to William Stevens, a clerk in the Customs House in Boston, who moved to Lexington in 1845, suggesting a possible date of construction. The house appears on the 1853 map and is shown on the 1876 map with a long rear ell. By 1889 the property was owned by Lewis Hunt, a hardware merchant who owned a great deal of real estate in Lexington. Sometime between that year and 1895 he moved the main section of the house to this location on Cottage Street and the ell to 31-33 Cottage Street and built a new house on the Massachusetts Avenue site. On Cottage Street this house was presumably rented, for Hunt is still shown as the owner on the 1906 map.

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1853 map

1876 map

1889 map

1898 map

1906 map

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
29 COTTAGE STREET

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

On October 30, 1896 the *Lexington Minute-man* contained what appears to be a reference to this house:

The house owned by the Lewis Hunt estate has been removed from the corner of Wallace Court and Mass. avenue to a location on Woburn street, not far from the railroad crossing.

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Lexington Minute-man, October 30, 1896.

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